

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Scoop

October 7-11, 2013

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West Central Elementary

## Character Education

The Character Education word for October is: Respect. Respect means recognizing the value of people, property, the environment and yourself. When you use kind words you are showing respect. Each week we will be giving away Subway Certificates to students who exhibit these characteristics!

## Social Studies/ Weekly Reader

This week we will be learning about using landform maps and fire safety

### Vocabulary Words:

landforms, plains, hills, lakes, valleys, fire safety



## Math

This week we will be working with tables, graphs, combinations of 10. We will also work on problem solving strategies. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis.

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### Just a reminder:

**Homework is:**

\*Study spelling words

\*Read for 25 minutes every night

\*Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction

\*Practice writing short stories

\*Practice fluency sheets

\*Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night

## Creative Writing

We are writing stories every day. We use various prompts that are aligned to our Common Core Standards. The students really get excited when it is writing time and can share on the "Author's Chair."

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## Spelling

The students are working on spelling words with long vowels this week. (ai, ay). We will be doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary.



## Dates to Remember:

October 14 - No School

October 15 - Bookmobile

October 25 - Trojan

Buck Store

October 29 - Picture Retakes

October 31 - Halloween Party 2:15

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## Phonics & Grammar

\*Genre: Non-fiction, and connect prior knowledge

### Reading:

Read Aloud Anthology

My Father's Grandfather & the Time Machine

Guided Reading Groups:

Fluency,

comprehension skills,

predicting, and

author's message,

realistic fiction, and

author's purpose.

Independent Reading

and A.R. Tests

Encourage your child

to read and practice

math facts each

night. This is a very

powerful habit that

pays off in the long

run. These are skills

they need to know.

## Vocabulary

High Frequency Words for this week are: coming, curve, idea, knee, laughed, million, world

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: rickety, rattling, prying, impatiently, ramp, defeated, jubilant, master

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing

Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the

correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing-such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices. Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to be safe. Be Responsible. Be Respectful and ready to learn!

## Read Aloud Charts

"At the Bike Rack" - (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"My Bike" - Students will think about what is happening in the poem and the feeling they get from it listening to the poem.

## Listening Center

Stories: "Gus & Grandpa & the Two-Wheeled Bike"

By Claudia Mills

Genre: Realistic Fiction

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words which include: coming, knee, idea, laughed, million, curve, world

The students will also orally discuss the beginning, middle, and end of the story & the author's message.

## October Snacks

7 - Ethan

8 - Kelsey

9 - Macee

10 - Dessa

11 - Henry

Thanks for providing snacks!!



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Our class Halloween party will be held on Thursday, Oct. 31 at 2:15 p.m. The room parents that signed up for the party are: Emily Berg - 261-7294; Janelle/Corey Johnson - 201-5786; Shelly Price - 933-0020. The chairperson is: Emily Berg. She will contact the other room parents to help plan the party. I am confident they will have a great party planned for us! Remember: no scary costumes will be permitted! If any other parents would like to help, just let me know and I will include you! Thank you!

Quotes of the Week-

"Information is the currency of democracy!" Ralph Nader

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire!" Roger Levin

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